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CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Summary for the month of December, 1907—Plague and smallpox—Rat catch in 1906–1907.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports, December 21 and 28 and January 1 and 8:

Week ended December 21. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on November 2. Quarantinable diseases: Smallpox, 3 cases, 2 deaths. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.

Week ended December 28. Quarantinable disease: Plague, 1 case, 1 death. Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 11.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of December, 1907, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the insular territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	35
Sailing vessels inspected and granted bills of health.....	2
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin.....	0
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the Quarantine Regulations:	
(a) Personnel.....	4, 053
(b) Passengers.....	468
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel.....	2, 381
(b) Passengers.....	554
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
Aliens.....	472
Rejected.....	261
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled.....	29
(b) Disinfected and labeled.....	2, 935

Quarantinable diseases: Plague, 1 case, 1 death; smallpox, 4 cases, 3 deaths.

January 8. For the week ended December 14, 1907, there were 154 deaths, being 24.3 per 1,000 of the whole colony. Of these deaths, 1 was due to smallpox.

RAT CATCH.

The total number of rats caught in the colony in 1907 was 38,520, of which 28 were plague infected. During the preceding year, 1906, 30,701 were caught, of which 679 were plague infected.

CUBA.

Reports from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Yellow fever at Santa Clara—History of yellow-fever case at Santa Clara previously reported.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thomas reports, February 17 and 20:

Week ended February 15.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	18
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued.....	6
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected.....	763
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected.....	224